T. A. paid during 1104-1106.

199. **MR. K. C. CHANDI** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of travelling allowance paid during the years 1104, 1105 and 1106, excluding the travelling allowance paid to the members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council; and

(*b*) the amount of travelling allowance drawn in these years by officers whose pay is Rs. 200 and above per mensem?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) S. Rs. 4,28,578 in the year 1104;

S. Rs. 4,73,311 in the year 1105; and

S. Rs. 5,20,920 in the year 1106.

(*b*) Separate accounts are not maintained in respect of the travelling allowance drawn by officers drawing Rs. 200 and above.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): In part (*a*) of the answer it is stated that the T.A. paid was Rs. 4 lakhs in 1104 and Rs. 5 lakhs in 1106. May I know whether there is any particular reason for this increase?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I am not able to answer the question now.

MR. K. C CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Is it on account of the increasing financial strain?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that question.

Grant of copies of reports of Revenue Officers.

200. **MR. K. C. CHANDI** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): With respect to appeals to the Government from the decisions of the Revenue Officers, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule regulating the grant of copies of the reports of the officers concerned to the parties;

(*b*) if not, whether they propose to make any rule for the same; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of the hardship caused to the parties as copies of such reports are not available to them?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rules 3 and 7 (*a*) of the Rules regulating the grant of certified copies of revenue records, passed under date the 1st November 1922, govern the grant of copies of reports of officers. The general rule is that no copies should be granted of reports of a confidential character and that the officer to whom the report is addressed should, in every case, decide whether a copy of it may be granted or not. The reports should also be of such a nature that copy can be granted without injury to the public interests or without breach of confidence.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

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